

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner Wilson is thanked for the thorough examination of the subject Patent Application. The Claims have been carefully reviewed and are considered to be in condition for allowance.

5 Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) of Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13, 15-19, 21-25, 27, 29-33, 35-39, and 41 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,244,194 (Nishimura) is requested in light of the following arguments. Claims 1, 15, and 29 are currently amended to respectively include the limitations of allowable Claims 14, 28, and 42.

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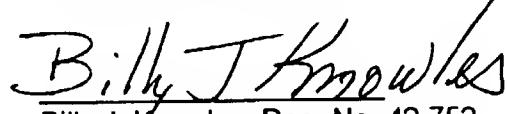
15 Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC §103(a) of Claims 6, 12, 20, 26, 34, and 40 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,244,194 (Nishimura) is requested in light of the following arguments. As noted above, Claims 1, 15, and 29 are currently amended to respectively include the limitations of allowable Claims 14, 28, and 42.

Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC §103(a) of Claims 6, 12, 20, 26, 34, and 40 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,150,888 (Durfee) is requested in light of the following arguments. As noted above, Claims 1, 15, and 29 are currently amended to respectively include the limitations of allowable 5 Claims 14, 28, and 42.

The examiner has acknowledged that Claims 14, 28, and 42 are directed to allowable subject matter. The limitations of Claims 14, 28, and 42 have been incorporated in the currently amended Claims 1, 15, and 29 and Claims 14, 28, and 42 are cancelled. The applicant believes that Amended Claims 1 – 42 are 10 not anticipated by or obvious over U.S. Patent 5,244,194 (Nishimura) or U.S. Patent 5,150,888 (Durfee) and are allowable in light of the above arguments. The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is requested that should Examiner Wilson not find that the Claims are 15 now allowable, that the undersigned be called at (845) 331-3866 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,


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